

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 33. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Below Average
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	71.7	73.8	77.4	67.4	71.5	73.5
• Passed 2 subtests	16.0	16.7	14.9	17.8	15.7	15.2
• Passed 1 subtest	7.9	7.1	6.5	9.6	8.4	7.3
• Passed no subtests	4.4	2.4	1.1	5.1	4.4	4.1

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	21.4%	22.5%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	21.4%	24.0%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	51.8%	53.6%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Seniors			
Student Group	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	92.6%	21.4%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	82.4%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	93.3%	23.5%	
Gender			
Male	92.0%	14.5%	
Female	93.1%	26.9%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	87.2%	7.2%	
Hispanic	N/A	N/A	
White	95.0%	28.9%	
Other	100.0%	33.3%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	85.2%	0.0%	
Pay for lunch	94.5%	26.9%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	73.4%
Completers placed	N/A
Eligible students enrolled	33.7%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,402	N/A	\$5,633	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	89.8%	Up from 89.6%	90.5%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	27.2 to 1	N/A	26.8 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,376)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	67.1%	N/A	51.1%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	94.9%	Up from 94.6%	95.4%	95.3%
• Retention rate	9.8%	Up from 5.4%	9.1%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=87)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.4 Days	Up from 6.3	7.5 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.7%	No change	95.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	43.7%	Down from 49.4%	53.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	64.4%	Down from 92.9%	83.1%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	3.4%	Up from 0.0%	2.6%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	82.8%	Down from 86.2%	86.8%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,186	Up 0.7%	\$38,985	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	4.7%	Up from 3.5%	2.7%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	59.7%	N/A	56.6%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	67.8%	N/A	60.1%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	12.2%	Up from 11.2%	9.1%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	69	N/A	24	29
• Gifted and talented	13.7%	Down from 14.9%	9.8%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	11.7%	Up from 10.2%	10.9%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	0.9%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	464	N/A	408	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	39.4%	N/A	24.8%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

South Florence High School continues to provide a positive learning environment in which we prepare students to meet the challenges of our world. The success and improvement of our students and teachers are attested by the following: 12 Palmetto Fellows; 24 SAT Honorees (1230 or better); Nearly \$2 million in college scholarships for our Seniors; 55 President's Education Award recipients; 66 American Citizenship Award recipients; 4 Academic Honor Certificate recipients; "Carousel" production by music and drama students; regional championships for golf, boys' tennis, and girls' tennis teams; and Michele Franceski's selection as District Teacher of the Year.

Technology is growing at South Florence to better meet the needs of students and teachers. All classrooms have computers, and a computer lab is available for large groups using technology. An additional computer lab will be available for enrichment/remediation when the new 8-classroom addition is completed. Additional projectors, digital cameras, upgraded printers, etc. have been purchased to facilitate the use of technology in classrooms. Six teachers are lead teachers in the district's TeachersConnect program that encourages the integration of technology in instruction.

Our curriculum provides students many opportunities to pursue special interests or to meet particular needs. Over 100 elective courses are available for remediation or enrichment. In the fall of 2001 we will add service learning courses for the first time. The curriculum addition is part of our growing efforts in character education which included the "I Will" campaign in the spring of 2001. Students signed "I Will" pledges to have good character.

South Florence parents support the school's students and staff with an active Association of Parents, Teachers, and Students and Athletic and Band Booster Clubs. Members provide critical volunteer services and raise funds to support school functions. The beautiful new school mural was provided by our APTS.

Patricia P. Slice

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	69.0	66.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	63.4	71.9	
Satisfied with home-school relations	52.2	82.4	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,376 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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